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COUNTY EXECUTIVE DAVIS SELECTS KAREN PIERCE AS DIRECTOR OF THE ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

ERIE, PA – Erie County Executive Brenton Davis has selected Karen Pierce as the new Director of the Erie County Public Library (ECPL).

Pierce takes the helm after managing the ECPL Iroquois Branch and most recently serving as Interim Director of ECPL. Pierce has worked in the book industry for over 23 years, gaining experience in retail, wholesale, independent consultant book sales, and libraries. As a seasoned director, she is passionate about advancing the education of technology and connecting people to information.

“We are thrilled to have Karen as a member of the team. Her vast knowledge, experience, and passion for the library is above what we could have ever asked for in an executive director. I’m looking forward to working alongside her to take our library and our resources for the community to the next level,” County Executive Brenton Davis said.

Pierce also spent 13 years running the Slippery Rock Community Library and has overseen significant community engagement and rural library development. While in charge, she oversaw the development of a brand new library facility which opened in 2018.

“I am honored to be chosen to lead the team of the ECPL in our endeavors to build a culture of curiosity and creativity. I am proud to call Erie County ‘home’,” said ECPL Executive Director Karen Pierce.

Outside of the office, Pierce enjoys sewing, gardening, and of course, reading.

**Karen Pierce is available for media availability. For information please contact Chris Carroll.

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